

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR VIRTUAL BEARER

ABSTRACT

5 A mobile communication device, and a method of operating a mobile
communication device, includes storing at least one frame of a
communication signal received from a network, and applying flow control to
the lower layers to support network reselection. According to one aspect of
the invention, a message is transmitted indicating that a virtual bearer mode
10 of operation is supported by the mobile communication device. The mobile
communication device selectively operates in the virtual bearer mode
depending upon the response received following such transmission.
Additionally, flow control may advantageously be dependent upon detecting
that a cell change is imminent.

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